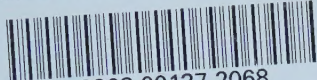


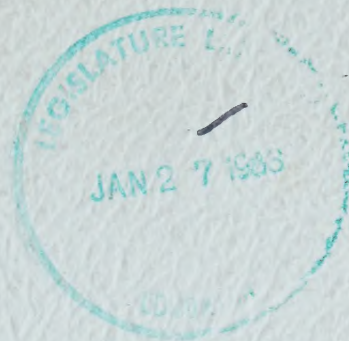
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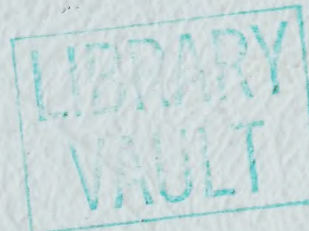


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PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

1972 - 73

PROGRAM	INCOME	CAPITAL	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<u>Education</u>				
Adult Vocational Training Community Vocational Center	\$180,000	\$100,000	\$280,000	
<u>Lands and Forests</u>				
Airports		\$200,000	\$200,000	
Roads		\$100,000	\$100,000	
Special Projects		\$25,000	\$25,000	
Fisheries	\$80,000	\$25,000	\$105,000	
Parks		\$100,000	\$100,000	
<u>Social Development</u>				
Opportunity Corps Work Opportunity Program Counselling				
<u>Youth</u>		\$150,000	\$150,000	
Recreation Club Work Special Projects Culture				
<u>Highways and Transport</u>				
Northern Industrial Road		\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	
<u>Municipal Affairs</u>				
Studies <i>Reg. Dev. Plan</i>	\$60,000		\$60,000	
Town Management	\$20,000		\$20,000	

PROGRAM	INCOME	CAPITAL	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<u>Environment</u>		\$75,000		
<u>Industry and Commerce</u>				
Contracts and Promotion	\$50,000		\$50,000	
<u>Agriculture</u>				
Small Business Management	\$35,000		\$35,000	
D.H.E.	\$20,000		\$20,000	
Home Visitors	\$20,000		\$20,000	
<u>H.R.D.A.</u>				
Research	\$50,000		\$50,000	
Evaluation				
Communication				
Special Projects	\$65,000		\$65,000	
Community Affairs	\$75,000		\$75,000	
Infrastructure				
Interest and Loan Repayment				
Project Carry-Over				
From 1971-72	\$170,000		\$170,000	
	\$975,000	\$1,850,000	\$2,825,000	

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LESSER SLAVE LAKE SPECIAL AREA

1972-73 BUDGET ESTIMATES

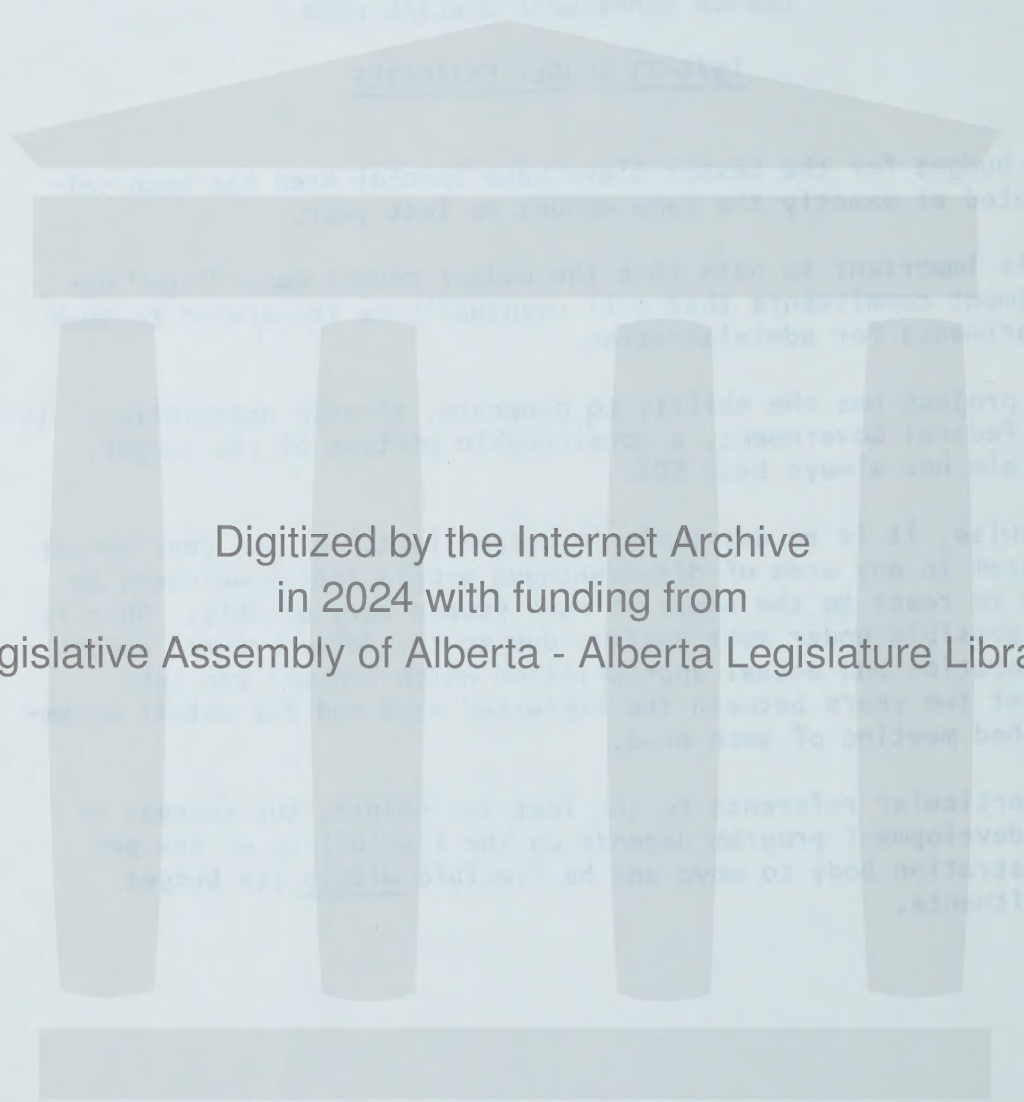
The budget for the Lesser Slave Lake Special Area has been calculated at exactly the same amount as last year.

It is important to note that the budget covers many "line" department commitments that will eventually be transferred to such departments for administration.

The project has the ability to generate, through negotiations with the Federal Government, a considerable portion of its budget. The aim has always been 50%.

Likewise, it is an extremely important factor of any development program in any area of disadvantaged people that government be able to react to the needs of such people very quickly. This is not possible under most systems due to the delay between budget preparation and actual appropriation which process can take almost two years between the expressed need and the actual accomplished meeting of such need.

In particular reference to the last two points, the success of a development program depends on the flexibility of the administration body to move and be flexible within its budget commitments.



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NAME: Slave Lake Airport

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY:

Department of Lands & Forests

PURPOSE:

Work commenced in 1971 to purchase land, construct a terminal building and preliminary engineering work. Additional funds are required to lengthen and pave the runway.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEEDS:

To lengthen and pave the runway to allow more varied use of the airport by present and future industry.

SCOPE:

The Slave Lake airport extension will allow larger planes to use the airstrip. More freight will be moved by the larger aircraft. Freight could include such things as fish or oilfield equipment. The extension will allow B-26 water bombers to use the airport and therefore provide better forest fire protection.

BUDGET:

Estimated at \$200,000

NAME: Desmarais - Sandy Lake Road

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Lands and Forests

PURPOSE: This road is required to provide access for residents of Sandy Lake settlement, development of unused Indian Reserve #166, access to timber resources and commercial fishing to provide employment to local residents. Eighteen miles of road right-of-way, 3 bridges and 9 miles of road grade was completed in 1971.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEEDS: Sandy Lake is only accessible by bush trails and by air and because it is a good commercial fishing centre there is a need to open up the area. The access road is being built from Desmarais and will cut through the Bigstone Indian Reserve.

SCOPE: To construct the remaining 9 miles of road complete with gravel, etc.

MEASUREMENTS: (1) Number of local people employed on the construction.

(2) This road will help the Indians logging operation on the Reserve by lowering the cost of shipping lumber as well as opening up some more good quality stands of timber.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$100,000

NAME: Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Lands and Forests

PURPOSE: Development of the park will, in addition to protecting its natural features, attract more visitors and provide added income and employment to residents of the area.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEEDS: This is the third largest park in the province and is presently underdeveloped. Situated 150 miles from Edmonton on a paved road is presently attracting more and more visitors to its first class beaches. With little development of camping facilities, roads, beach area, etc., present visitors are doing untold damage to the parks physical features and habitat.

SCOPE: A master development plan is scheduled in 1971 and to carry out this plan funds are required.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$100,000

NAME: Fishing (Commercial and Sports) Lassez Slave Lake

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY: Department of Lands & Forests

PURPOSE: Determine the white fish fishery can be rehabilitated, or take control with salmon or trout, alternate methods of harvesting the present rough fish must be found. Information is also required on the lake to establish good management practices.

MAGNITUDE OF NEEDS: Lassez Slave Lake is the largest lake in Alberta; area approximately 400 square miles. This lake presently contributes little to the overall economy, totaling 3,000,000 pounds of rough fish for milk feed value, approximately 200,000 with no applicable sport fishing.

In the past Lassez Slave Lake produced 1,000,000 pounds white fish annually which today is valued at 500,000 to 600,000. Potential is good for sport fishing. Lassez Slave Lake appears to be suitable or better than lakes where species such as lake salmon or kokanee trout have been introduced.

SCOPE: To accomplish this a complete study is required for management and harvesting methods. A successful commercial and sports fishing industry could contribute millions of dollars to the local economy.

A study of the lake was commenced in 1971 to continue with this study in 1972.

BUDGET: Estimated budget required \$100,000

NAME: Northern Industrial Road

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY:

Department of Highways

PURPOSE:

- There are four primary purposes for the building of this road:
- (1) To provide an all-weather access road to open up the 50 million board feet of coniferous saw timber for development.
 - (2) To provide an all-weather access road for more efficient fire protection.
 - (3) To provide an all-weather access road into four isolated native communities at Peerless Lake, Graham Lake, Loon Lake, and Utikuma Lake.
 - (4) To encourage development of other resources in the area, such as tourism, commercial fishing and the oil and gas industry.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED:

Present incomes are derived mainly from trapping, fishing, slashing for oil companies and welfare. Work is seasonal and sporadic.

Also, presently existing sawmills are dependent on winter logging operations solely which makes the problem of seasonal work critical. This means that at certain times during the winter, skilled labor for logging operations are in short supply but as soon as the spring thaw comes, there is a drastic reduction in the number of people employed. This results in a very irregular yearly employment pattern. The all-weather access road will allow year round logging operations.

Forest fire protection of the newly opened 50 million board feet of saw timber will be all important. Therefore, an all-weather access road will allow faster entry into formerly isolated forest areas so that forest fire control can be more effective.

SCOPE:

To undertake an additional 22.49 miles from south of Willow Creek to north of Lafond Creek, mile 131.94 to mile 154.43.

BUDGET:

Estimated at \$1,300,000.00

NAME: Lesser Slave Lake Regional Development Plan

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Municipal Affairs, Planning Branch

PURPOSE: (1) To provide a basis for the planning and implementation of programs such as secondary road systems, agricultural development, housing, recreation, etc.

(2) To provide a sufficient basis for future expansion of the area.

(3) To assess the future role of municipalities and towns in the region in terms of their employment prospects.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEEDS: The past 15 to 20 years has seen a drastic shift in the economic base of the communities in the area and has left some communities with various problems of servicing and government finance. It has become evident that the provision of government services to all communities is physically impossible if modern standards and strong communities based on industrial development are to be achieved.

SCOPE: The project will continue a two year research study to provide some of the information on the present economic base of the communities in relation to the physical resource base of the region. Then in conjunction with information on employment prospects, the long term viability of the communities can be ascertained. Government will then be able to help service and finance those communities which show good future industrial developments.

In addition, the research information will provide supplementary data for the planning of an ongoing industrial development strategy for the area. A more detailed land use study will be developed to guide policy on the use and disposal of public and private land.

MEASUREMENTS: (1) number of communities progressing toward attaining viable economies.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$ 60,000

NAME: Town Management

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Municipal Affairs

PURPOSE: To provide assistance to the towns of High Prairie and Slave Lake in town management.

MAGNITUDE OF ,
NEED: Special area programming is causing extra hardships on the growth centres.

SCOPE: 1. To assist growth centres over the next two years.
2. This project has been tentatively agreed on by the Federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$20,000.00

NAME:

Contacts and Promotion

ADMINISTRATIVE**AGENCY:**

Department of Industry & Tourism

PURPOSE:

This program is established to take maximum advantage of the industrial development possibilities provided in part by incentive grants from the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion. The purpose of the grants is to ensure that the process of new job creation will be carried on throughout the duration of the special area agreement.

**MAGNITUDE OF
NEED:**

One of the most critical elements of the special area development plan is to provide a net increase in the number of jobs in the special area. Employment estimates indicate that there are at least 1,000 unemployed people in the Slave Lake area. Many of these people do find temporary or seasonal work in some of the industries of the area, but most require some form of welfare assistance to provide a minimum standard of living. In addition, there are a number of underemployed people associated with some of the smaller farms as well as with some of the service industries in the area.

SCOPE:

It has become evident in the first year of operation of the special area agreement that an active and aggressive industrial development program is required in the Lesser Slave Lake Special area. One of the first steps to undertake is advertising the special area. But before it can be done, there must be a cataloguing of all of the resources (physical and human) in the area. There will be a colorful brochure prepared which will describe and explain the full assets of the Special area. These will be mailed out to firms in industries which could use the assets available in the area. There will also be advertising and promotion through other various publications and advertisements. Another aspect of the program will be to take the resource potentials which offer the maximum likelihood for development and to actively search out those companies which are in that particular field and to make them aware of the opportunities in the area. Industrial development people will then be sent to call on firms throughout Canada and North America, wherever a likely prospect is located. They will have specialized knowledge of the area as well as an audio-visual slide presentation (which has German, French and Japanese translations if they are necessary) on the Lesser Slave Lake Special Area. In addition, there will be funds to provide for visits to the area by industrialists who show a definite interest. This follow up on original contact by firms and individuals interested in the area is important because previously there was almost no follow-through and the initial interest soon waned.

BUDGET:

Estimated at

\$50,000.00

NAME: Opportunity Corps

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Health & Social Development

PURPOSE: Develop work skills.
Develop social skills.
Develop work attitudes.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: There are many people in the area who are unemployed (or underemployed) due to lack of saleable skills, lack of ability to work in an industrial economy or lack of knowledge as to expectations of an industrial economy. It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 people in the area who are either underemployed or unemployed.

SCOPE: It is expected that 150 to 200 people will take advantage of the program each year.

MEASUREMENTS: 1. Productivity per man.
2. Punctuality and attendance.
3. Dropouts.
4. Number of going to jobs or additional training.
5. Association with fellow-workers.
6. Quality of work.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$700,000.00

NAME:

Counselling Services

ADMINISTRATIVE

AGENCY:

Department of Social Development

PURPOSE:

To assist families to determine and meet their needs in:

- (a) Industrial life skills (work habits)
- (b) Basic literacy and additional education and training
- (c) Development of a positive self-image (understanding of self and environment)
- (d) Improved family relationships (responsibility & activity)
- (e) Broadening awareness of vocations, trades and various other types of jobs.
- (f) Better uses of available resources and services (understanding if environment) and (improve income management).
- (g) Improved leadership ability

MAGNITUDE OF

NEED:

It is estimated that there are 1,000 people unemployed in the area with a larger number who are underemployed. All of these people would benefit from this type of counselling.

SCOPE:

It is expected that each counsellor will have a case load of approximately 15 families which would make a total of 90 families at any one time. If average counselling period is 4 months then approximately 270 families can be counselled in one year.

BUDGET:

Estimated at \$100,000.00

NAME: Small Business Management

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Industry and Tourism

PURPOSE: The purpose of this fund is to facilitate the initial expansion of business enterprises which are unable to obtain the necessary funds through existing commercial lending institutions. This fund is considered as another credit program, somewhat higher in risk than that handled by normal channels and attempts to fill a gap in equity financing. It is not an assistance program in terms of subsidies, grants, training programs, etc. Hopefully, an assistance program will be developed as a companion program to the development fund.

The fund may be used (1) to provide the required down payment for a business in order that commercial lending institutions would lend the remainder of the funds, (2) to provide added security for commercial lending institutions, (3) to finance high risk enterprises where commercial lending institutions refuse to participate.

The mechanics of program delivery are not completely defined at this point.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: There are no accurate statistics to indicate magnitude of needs at this time. However, the needs that are identified total some of \$1.5 million and it is anticipated that this sum can be doubled to arrive at a realistic figure.

SCOPE: The fund of \$50,000 is included in the budget for this year. The actual amount of credit that would be facilitated by the \$50,000 may be considerable in excess of this amount if commercial lending institutions use the development fund as a guarantee. On the other hand, if the fund is used as the only source of finances then obviously, the scope of the program is \$50,000.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$50,000.00

NAME: District Home Economist - Slave Lake

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Agriculture

PURPOSE:

- (1) In the broadest sense, it is to improve the well being of individuals, their families and of society as a whole.
- (2) Specifically, to provide education and home making skills in:
 - a) human nutrition
 - b) housing
 - c) clothing
 - d) family economics
 - e) consumer management education
- (3) To provide an active member of local resource teams in Home Economics to work with designated groups in the Lesser Slave Development area.
- (4) Assist in the development of a Non-professional Aides Program to expand the District Home Economist's contact with Participating groups. Assist in training the non-professional aides in Home Economics.

SCOPE:

- (1) To provide individual or group counselling to families in Home Economics. This includes family nutrition, money management, buying consumer goods wisely and the effective operation of household appliances.
- (2) Act as an advisor and educator to families in Home Economics by presenting the information in such a manner as to encourage its adoption.
- (3) Develop a confidence-rapport with the clientelle and use foods as an opportunity to arrange skill learning situations.
- (4) Initiate or assist in the development of a non-professional aides program and outline a regular training and updating program for the aides.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: There is a need for psychologic and sociologic improvements if the family members are to improve their home life and if the adjustment to employment and better living standards is to be achieved.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$20,000.00

NAME: Home Visitors

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY: Department of Agriculture
Human Resources Development Authority, Provincial
Secretary, Department of Social Development

PURPOSE:

- (1) To improve conditions within the home and to improve family life.
- (2) To raise aspiration levels of family members through contacts within the home setting.
- (3) To develop the responsibilities of employable family members to the family, to the community, and to employers.
- (4) To improve the art of home making.
- (5) To develop family budget, nutrition, shelter, and clothing management skills.
- (6) To stimulate movement of unemployed or underemployed family members into part of full employment.

MAGNITUDE OF NEEDS:

The Lesser Slave Lake Special Area is plagued with unemployment (about 1,000 people are out of work). the income levels of families is very low. The area has 1.2% of Alberta's population, but it has 5.8% of the short-term social allowance cases. In the province, there are 434 persons for each case receiving short-term social allowance; in the area, there are 92 persons for every case on short-term social allowance making the conditions 4 times as bad in the area as it is in the province at large. These and other indicators substantiate a grave poverty problem. The conditions which surround the problem include a heavier incidence of alcoholism, disease, school drop-outs, poor housing, and a deterioration of family living. As a result, it is necessary to begin a communication process with these families and to obtain their trust. There is need for psychologic and sociologic improvements if the family members are to improve their home life and if the adjustment to employment and better living standards is to be achieved.

SCOPE: It is expected that 300 families will be serviced annually through this program.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$20,000.00

NAME: Special Projects

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Lands & Forests

PURPOSE: To provide a fund to assist communities and the Department of Lands & Forests in forest management, inventories, studies and fire fighting instruction.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: Numerous requests have been received from residents of the area to establish fire fighting training in their communities. There is a requirement to update forest inventory in the special area. Funds are also required to continue the poplar cull study commenced in 1971.

SCOPE: ~~1. To train unskilled unemployed residents into a trained fire fighting crew. During the summer to train in all aspects of fire fighting and preparing them for work with local industry on completion of fire season.~~

2. Photography and interpretation of 2,000 square miles of forest land to provide up to date information on timber resources available to industry.

3. A program to provide reliable information regarding volume, merchantability of deciduous species to interested industry and the newly established poplar industry.

BUDGET: Estimated at : \$25,000.00

NAME:

Recreation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY:**

Recreation Branch, Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation

PURPOSE:

1. To introduce to people many different types of recreational opportunities.
2. To provide a leadership development program whereby people will have the opportunity to learn the necessary skills that will enable them to carry out recreational activities in their own communities.
3. To assist communities with recreation facilities, planning and operation.
4. To encourage the employment of school community directors in communities where schools are located.
5. To help communities to strengthen and develop an appropriate structure within which they will be able to develop a comprehensive recreation services for all in the community.

**MAGNITUDE OF
NEED:**

Recreation is a human need and effects everyone's lives. People in the Lesser Slave Lake Special Area have a lot of free time and the constructive use of this time will certainly have an impact on the quality of their lives. There is a great need for people in the area to take the fullest advantage of this time and this can certainly be encouraged by the Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation area program.

SCOPE:

- The range of activities for the recreation program includes:
1. Local recreation exposure and leadership courses.
 2. Opportunity for area and provincial leadership courses.
 3. Consultative services by two field staff available to all communities.
 4. Resource for the initiation and implementation of a school community project in communities.

BUDGET:

Estimated at \$27,000,000

NAME: Youth Services Branch Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY: Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation

PURPOSE: To expand existing special programs and initiate new ones as needs are identified. To offer assistance to groups working to meet Youth Department goals.

MAGNITUDE OF NEED: There is a need to fund programs that facilitate communication in the community and between the community and the larger society. There is a need to train professional and para-professional personnel to handle specific and characteristic situations that arise.

SCOPE: Exchange programs, Parent/Teen communication seminars, Urban orientation seminars, Drug seminars, High School student's union workshops, student employment service (summer).

BUDGET: Estimated at \$10,000.00

NAME: Youth Group Activities

ADMINISTRATIVE

AGENCY: Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation
4-H & J.F.W. Branch

PURPOSE: To provide the necessary resources such that the Club Consultant can continue to promote and encourage group activities among the young people of the Lesser Slave Lake Area, based on their expressed needs and interests.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED:

Young people in the area have very few, if any, job opportunities. The school drop out rate is especially high. 56% of the students drop out of school before they complete grade 9. In addition 31.6% of the students who leave school become unemployed as compared to 4.7% for Alberta. It is especially important to provide work and leadership opportunities for this group of young people.

This involves:

1. Assisting people in communities to determine their own needs and collectively plan programs to meet these needs.
2. Assisting in the organization of activity groups or clubs consistent with needs identified.
3. Counselling and advising members and leaders with respect to club problems.
4. Development and co-ordination of programs for club members and leaders e.g. tours, workshops, seminars, etc.
5. Endeavoring to enhance leadership opportunities for individuals, clubs and communities.

SCOPE:

Some of the slightly haphazard involvements of the consultant since the project was initiated in April of this year include the Exposure Camping Program: a summer activity seminar; the Slave Lake Native Youth Centre Program; the Video Showcase program; attendance of two young people each at the Provincial 4-H Club Week and the Peace Regional 4-H camp; and contacts and co-operation with Metis Youth Involvement and United Native Youth.

Present activities involve the stimulation of the development youth groups throughout the area by offering financial and organizational assistance and the planning and organization of a youth conference early in the new year involving representatives of the young people in every community in the area. Future plans call for gearing club activities to vocational possibilities by providing semi-volunteer work experience to young people who have participated in club programs.

MEASUREMENTS:

1. The number of youth participating in the program.
2. The number of leadership positions occupied by youth within the program.
3. The change in aspirations of participants.

BUDGET:

Estimated at \$25,000.00

NAME: Special Projects & General Administration

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation

PURPOSE:

1. To provide vehicles operation and maintenance for the use of Slave Lake Culture, Youth & Recreation Team.
2. To provide salary for travel for special activities consultant.
3. To provide funds for leadership development, special events, sending delegates to regional and Provincial courses.
4. To provide a source of funds for special community requests when these arise.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: We need these trucks in order to travel to do development work. We require salary to pay our special activities consultant. Leadership development and indeed Followship development are at a minimum in Slave Lake area. There is need for much input in this field. Due to the special nature of communities in this area there is considerable need for uncommitted funds to meet set needs.

SCOPE:

1. To provide vehicles operation and maintenance for the use of Slave Lake Culture, Youth & Recreation Team.
2. To provide salary for travel for special activities consultant.
2. To provide funds for leadership development, special events, sending delegates to regional and Provincial courses.
4. To provide a source of funds for special community requests when these arise.

BUDGET: Estimated at \$67,000.00

NAME: Cultural Development Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation

PURPOSE:

1. To allow students in the area to gain enough basic skills in instrumental and choral areas of benefit from regional and Provincial courses.
2. To expose people of the Slave Lake area to the present advances in arts & crafts.
3. To provide exposure of teachers and pupils at the elementary level to a comprehensive art and music program.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED:

1. There is, at present, a dearth of musical instruction in the region.
2. There is a need to stimulate interest in the field of arts & crafts and to broaden the spectrum of possibilities in this field.

SCOPE:

1. Special instructors will be brought in for workshops.
2. Travelling exhibit and travelling workshops

BUDGET: Estimated at \$25,000.00

NAME: H.R.D.A. Budget Research (1972-73)

ADMINISTRATIVE

AGENCY: Human Resources Development Authority.

PURPOSE: To provide a fund for research and study of local problems and situations that arise as the developmental programs continue in the Special Area.

MAGNITUDE

OF NEED: The need for research is an ever present reality in a developmental program with the scope and variety of activities evident in the Lesser Slave Lake Special Area. Problems and situations within specific communities or within the entire area are often brought to light, and good research is necessary to study them and seek solutions. Examples of this in the past are the Senior Citizen's Study, Transitional Housing Research, Infrastructure need in High Prairie, Research of Potential Tourist Development, Research for Klondike Trail Restoration, and Game Hides Collection Experiment.

SCOPE: The scope includes the ability to obtain the necessary resources outside of Government agencies to respond to research needs of individual community groups and associations as well as general area problems. It also gives us the ability to have an input where necessary with research being conducted by the Government Agencies.

MEASUREMENTS: The main measurement is the successful completion of research projects and the utilization of the resulting information and recommendations in developing programs to meet the needs expressed.

BUDGET: estimated at \$50,000.00.

NAME: Special Projects

ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY: Human Resources Development Authority

PURPOSE: To provide a fund to assist communities and associations in the development of local and regional programs and projects.

MAGNITUDE OF
NEED: The communities in the Special Area are in various stages of development. Many of them are identifying problems and proposing programs to solve these problems. However, they often require interim funding to establish the program in order to obtain long term sponsorship from other resources. Some of the projects are of a short term nature, and it is virtually impossible for them to obtain sponsorship from any other source.

SCOPE: The range of activities to which we have responded in the past include such things as an alcohol education and counselling program, initial work on the Klondyke Trail restoration project, native handicraft program and the information centre in High Prairie. Many more projects could be entertained providing sufficient funds are available.

BUDGET: Estimates at \$50,000

NAME: Community Affairs

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY: Human Resources Development Authority.

PURPOSE:

1. To provide opportunities for cultural expression of minority groups.
2. To provide opportunities for leadership experiences and development.
3. To improve the democratic political process.
4. To take full advantage of the decision making process which has been developed in the Special Area.
5. To maintain the involvement of the Local people in the regional development program.

MAGNITUDE
OF NEED:

The Metis Regional Council, Indian Regional Council, Isolated Communities Committee, Unincorporated Centres Committee and the Incorporated Communities require financial assistance in order to continue their operations. Communications have been greatly enhanced in the past year between these groups and Government.

SCOPE:

The groups provide a forum for people to express their needs at the grass roots level, and a vehicle for expressing their needs to government. Meetings of the groups are held in communities with the people. Meetings of the committees are held with government officials. Representatives of the committees bring problems and proposals to the Regional Management Committee. The incorporated centres can also benefit from having assistance available to express their felt needs.

MEASUREMENTS:

Witness the increase in the levels of aspiration and achievement of communities involved.
Observe the changes in the quality of life in the communities.

BUDGET:

Requirements estimated to be \$75,000.00.

